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New Orleans District Compliance

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Joseph T. Daigle
Owner
Joe's Cajun Seafood
3935 Highway 70
Pierre Part, Louisiana 70339

Dear Mr. Daigle:

During an inspection of your crabmeat processing facility conducted on 12/17-19/96, our investigators documented numerous insanitary conditions in your manufacturing operation. This causes your finished product, picked crabmeat, to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Objectionable insanitary conditions included: 1) water splashing from the floor onto backed crabs in lugs stored next to the chute washer; 2) brown condensate from the ceiling falling onto backed and picked crab products; 3) a lug filled with backed crabs rested on the plant floor, then was placed on top of another lug containing backed crabs; 4) an employee handled live crabs and then handled cooked crabs; 5) cooked crabs in baskets allowed to contact the residue stained backing room wall; 6) employees handling residue stained doors in the plant and then handling cooked crab products; and 7) numerous improper employee practices in the cooking, backing and picking operations.

The above identification of violations is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. It is your responsibility to assure adherence with each requirement of the Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations.

You should take prompt action to correct these deviations. Failure to promptly correct these deviations may result in regulatory action without further notice. This may include seizure and/or injunction.

You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the steps you have taken to correct the noted violations, including an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of similar violations. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for this delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed.

Your response should be directed to Richard D. Debo, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122, telephone number (504) 589-7166. Should you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter, or if you desire a meeting with the agency staff, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Debo.

Sincerely,

James E. Gamet
District Director
New Orleans District

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